

NOTICE OF GRANT AVAILABILITY

NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:

Health Information Exchange Grant

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

H.R. 1 "American Recovery and Reinvestment and Act"

TYPE OF AWARDS TO BE ISSUED:

Letter of Agreement

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS WILL BE USED:

To facilitate and expand the use of health information technology and the electronic exchange of health information among organizations in New Jersey according to nationally recognized standards and in a manner consistent with the objectives of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

FUNDING AVAILABLE IN THE GRANT PROGRAM:

Awards were made to states from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC). State grants were formula-based, and New Jersey received \$11.4 million over four years. A funding award from the State to a proposed health information exchange (HIE) project will reflect the highly competitive nature of the New Jersey Health IT Program, and be subject to strict State and federal reporting requirements. The State will submit a budget modification to the original ONC grant in the amount of \$1.0 million for this grant.

GRANT MATCHING REQUIREMENTS:

State matching funds are required for the \$11.4 million State HIE Grant awarded by ONC to the State of New Jersey. The following table outlines the matching requirements of the Federal grant on the State:

| Program Year | Federal Fiscal Year of Funding | Match Required |
|--------------|--------------------------------|--|
| 1 | 2010 | None |
| 2 | 2011 (begins Oct. 1, 2010) | 10%: \$1 for each \$10 federal dollars |
| 3 | 2012 (begins Oct 1, 2011) | 14%: \$1 for each \$7 federal dollars |
| 4 | 2013 (begins Oct 1, 2012) | 33%: \$1 for each \$3 federal dollars |

Consequently, the State of New Jersey is requiring the grant recipient to make contributions, in-kind or in cash, toward the required State match. State HIE grantees must match in proportion to their use of Federal funds for that given year. Therefore, any grant funds used by the grant recipient during Program Year 3 (FFY 2012) must be matched at 14% and any grant funds used by the grant recipient during Program Year 4 (FFY 2013) must be matched at 33%. For example, a grant recipient that uses \$100,000 in Program Year 3 and the remaining grant funds in Program Year 4 will need to provide \$311,000 in matching contributions.

Because the State HIE Grant Program has a 4-year budget period and 4-year project period, and because the match runs budget period to budget period, any carry over match from prior years can be carried forward. Match from start of award to October 1, 2010 can be used toward FY 11 (Program Year 2) match; any match above the 10% for Program Year 2 can be carried forward to year 3; any year 3 match beyond 14% can be carried forward to year 4. Therefore, in-kind contributions that have contributed to the development of HIE capabilities that can be leveraged to fulfill the requirements of this grant can be counted towards the match.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

1. Terms and Conditions for the Administration of Grants
2. Grant Compliance requirements as issued by the State of New Jersey Office of Management and Budget
3. Applicable Federal Cost Principles relating to the Applicant
4. Requirements of The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act as detailed by the federal Office of Management and Budget, available at: http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/assets/memoranda_fy2009/m09-21.pdf

GROUP OR ENTITIES WHICH MAY APPLY FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM:

New Jersey health information organizations (HIO) or governmental agencies that either provide health care, yield or store health information, or administer public-health services and that compile and store health data electronically.

QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED BY APPLICANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A GRANT:

The HIO or agency must be capable of exchanging health information for the purposes of improving clinical outcomes and/or public health in New Jersey. The HIO or agency must be in accordance with all federal and state laws for the

privacy and security of health information, and must utilize nationally recognized standards for health information exchange. The HIO or agency must be capable of exchange health information between facilities located in the following New Jersey counties: Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland, Cape May, and Atlantic. Furthermore, proposals must 1) meet the criteria described in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Title XIII, Subtitle C, Section 3013; 2) adhere to the guidance issued by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, available at <http://www.healthit.hhs.gov/HITECHgrants> and 3) comply with the New Jersey Health IT Strategic and Operational Plan, and subsequent direction approved by the HIT Commission and published on the New Jersey Health IT website (<http://www.nj.gov/njhit>).

APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND KEY DEADLINES:

Complete and submit the Application for Grant Funds, which is available at the New Jersey website listed above, and attach a proposal that fulfills the requirements of the Criteria document also available at that web site. Applications must be emailed to the addresses of both of the individuals listed below and be received no later than 5 p.m. on August 1, 2012. Applicants shall be notified on or before September 14, 2012 if they are considered approved to receive funding.

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